



**Eddie A. Perez**  
**Mayor**

## **MAYOR AND BURNS ACADEMY OF LATINO STUDIES FEATURED IN NATIONAL PUBLICATION**

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(December 1, 2009)--- The Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education--- a national educational publication--- puts the spotlight on Hartford! Mayor Eddie A. Perez focuses on a unique learning opportunity offered to Hartford students and their families. The Burns Academy of Latino Studies provides youngsters with a solid foundation to better prepare them for college and the 21<sup>st</sup> Century workforce.

This school, nestled in one of Hartford's predominately Hispanic neighborhoods, offers a Pre-K-through-7 program that zeroes in on the notion of being a global citizen. It uses an innovative approach that focuses on a worldview of learning. Congratulations to principal Dr. Lourdes Y. Soto. After only one year, this school is showing great promise. For instance, fifth-grade math scores were the second most improved in the entire district.

Mayor Perez, who also proudly serves as a member of the Board of Education says, "Hartford Public Schools are on the move and grabbing a lot of positive national headlines. This article is just the latest in all the accolades that we are receiving. I want to praise all of our educators, staff, parents, and of course the students, for all their hard work. By adopting "Choice" we are promoting progress. However, there is still more work to do and I know we are all inspired to achieve even greater goals."

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